



Cordell Hull Birthplace and Museum
is located just a few miles west of
Byrdstown. It is 1.5 miles off Hwy. 111
on State Route 325. Access fees
may apply. Call park for details.

Hours of Operation:

April-October, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. daily, including weekends.
November-March, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. daily, including weekends.
The park is located in the central time zone.

For Further Information, Contact:

Cordell Hull Birthplace State Historic Area

1500 Cordell Hull Memorial Drive / Byrdstown, TN 38549 / Phone (931) 864-3247

Or Contact:

Tennessee State Parks / 401 Church St., 7th Floor / Nashville, TN 37243

Phone (888) 867-2757 / www.tnstateparks.com



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TENNESSEE STATE PARKS CORDELL HULL BIRTHPLACE

STATE HISTORIC AREA





Cordell Hull Birthplace State Historic Area consists of a visitors center, a replica of the birth cabin, and nature trail. The museum contains original artifacts belonging to former Secretary of State Cordell Hull including the Nobel Peace Prize and many original papers, photographs, and personal effects. The cabin is set up for tours. The structure was listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1972. Life is portrayed, as it was when Cordell Hull lived here from 1871-1874. Native wildlife that may be seen or heard within the 49 acre park include fox, white tailed deer, raccoon, various reptiles and amphibians, as well as more than 35 songbird species.

Historical Significance

Former Secretary of State Cordell Hull (1871- 1955) was born in Pickett County, deep in the Upper Cumberland region of Tennessee. Possessing a keen interest in learning, he received a law degree in 1891 after completing a one-year course at Cumberland University in Lebanon, Tennessee. Hull worked as a lawyer, judge, state representative and captain in the Spanish-American War. He was elected to the U.S. House of Representatives in 1906 where he served until 1931 when he was elected to the U.S. Senate. He served there until President Franklin D. Roosevelt appointed him Secretary of State in 1933. His most noted achievement was his effort in establishing the United Nations toward the end of World War II, for which he was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize.

Hiking

A newly constructed one and one-half mile nature trail is completed to both a scenic overlook and to scenic Bunkum Cave where Cordell Hull's father made moonshine years ago. The trail is rated moderate with many gentle hills.

Museum

The Cordell Hull Museum is open year round. During April – October the hours are 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. From November – March, museum hours are 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Picnic Pavilions

Ten picnic tables and five grills are available to the public. One table is wheelchair accessible. Bathrooms are available nearby in park facilities. In addition, a variety of scheduled younger programs are provided during the summer months.

Planned Programs

Throughout the year, ranger staff is available for tours of the museum, cabin, and park grounds.

Other Nearby State Parks

- Sgt Alvin C. York State Historic Area, 17 miles
- Standing Stone State Park, 28 miles
- Pickett State Park, 39 miles

Annual Events

- Dale Hollow Eagle Watch Tours, January
- Cordell Hull Birthplace Wildflower Walks, weekends in April
- Byrdstown Streetfest, last weekend in August
- Sierra Hull Bluegrass Festival, September
- Old Timers Day Bluegrass Festival, Pickett State Park, Labor Day
- Cordell Hull Folk Festival, late September
- Borderlands Civil War Bivouac, first weekend in October
- Old Fashioned Christmas at the Birthplace, December

